

CITY OF DEXTER
FARMERS MARKET AND COMMUNITY GARDEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, July 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Farmers Market and Community Garden Oversight Commission was called to order at 5:33 pm at the City Offices, 8123 Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mark Olexa, Carol Jones, and Julie Knight, and Quaila Pant

Absent: Jeff Peters, Martin Ruhlig, and Mary-Ellen Miller

Other Present: Brenda Tuscano, Farmers Market Manager; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager;

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – MARCH 15, 2016

Motion by Olexa, Seconded by Knight to approve the minutes from May 17, 2016, with the correction of changing March 15 to April 21.

Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Knight, Seconded by Pant to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of New Business Item C: Feedback from Vendors and Patrons.

Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

COMMUNITY GARDEN BUSINESS

None

VENDOR REPORT

None

STAFF REPORT

The Committee discussed the recommendation to City Council and the Council's decision to approve the shed, but not approve the screens or painting. The Committee discussed the relationship between the Farmers Market, the DDA, and City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: MARKET SCREENING

The Committee discussed how to proceed on this item based on City Council's feedback. The Committee discussed having vendors bring their own screens and store them in the shed.

B. DISCUSSION OF: MARKET ENTERTAINMENT

Brenda Tuscano indicated that she was looking for help with setting-up on Saturday mornings and help with lining-up entertainers for the Market. Some ideas that were discussed included:

- Contacting “Bubba” to do a radio broadcast from the Market
- Inviting the Dexter Cider Mill
- Contacting the Chelsea Community Kitchen, Terry B’s, and Busch’s to conduct food demonstrations
- Inviting Zingerman’s to set up a tomato booth
- Contacting Poseidon Landscaping or PlantWise for their master gardeners to do landscaping demonstrations
- Promoting the need for entertainment and volunteers in The Sun Times and We Love Dexter
- Volunteers - validating community service hours for students/youths
- Asking family to volunteer at the Market

C. DISCUSSION OF: FEEDBACK FOR VENDORS

The Committee discussed the products of various vendors. They then discussed communication with the Community Garden Manager.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jones, support Olexa to adjourn at 6:50 pm
Motion Carried